

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An appliance operable to carry out at least one cleaning process using cleaning liquid, the appliance comprising: an assembly for placing into contact with one another ~~disposing~~ a cleaning liquid and at least one item to be cleaned ~~into contact with one another~~; and a system for supplying cleaning agent into the cleaning liquid, the system including a sensor that determines the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid during the cleaning process and a dosing device that alternately supplies additional cleaning agent to the cleaning liquid in the event that the sensed content of washing-active substances is below a predetermined lower value and supplies fresh water to the cleaning liquid in the event that the content of washing-active substances is above a predetermined upper value.

12. (Previously Presented) The appliance according to claim 11, wherein the system for supplying cleaning agent to the cleaning liquid is regulated as a function of the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid determined by the sensor by means of an electronic control.

13. (Previously Presented) The appliance according to claim 11, wherein the sensor is a tenside sensor that determines the content of tensides in the cleaning liquid by means of the bubble pressure method.

14. (Currently Amended) The appliance according to claim 13, wherein the tenside sensor in the appliance ~~disposed to be~~ is surrounded by cleaning liquid as continuously as possible during the cleaning process.

15. (Previously Presented) A method for operating an appliance operable to carry out at least one cleaning process using cleaning liquid, the method comprising the steps of:  
determining the content in a cleaning liquid of washing-active substances that are supplied therinto via the supply of cleaning agent into the cleaning liquid by a cleaning agent supply system;  
supplying additional cleaning agent to the cleaning liquid in the event that the content of washing-active substances is determined to be below a predetermined lower value; and  
supplying fresh water to the cleaning liquid in the event that the content of washing-active substances is determined to be above a predetermined upper value.

16. (Previously Presented) The method for operating an appliance according to claim 15, wherein the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid is determined by a selected one of continuously determining the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid and determining the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid at short time intervals.

17. (Previously Presented) The method for operating an appliance according to claim 15, wherein determining the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid includes determining the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid via electronic means.

18. (Previously Presented) A method for operating an appliance according to claim 15, wherein determining the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid includes determining the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid via a sensor.

19. (Previously Presented) The method for operating an appliance according to claim 18, wherein at least part of the cleaning process is repeated depending on the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid via the sensor.

20. (Previously Presented) The method for operating an appliance according to claim 18, wherein a selected one of omission of at least part of the cleaning process and interruption of at least part of the cleaning process is undertaken depending on the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid determined by the sensor.

21. (New) The appliance according to claim 11 and further comprising a device for displaying values relating to the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid determined by the sensor, whereby an operator can add cleaning agents during the cleaning operation on the basis of an indicated concentration.

22. (New) The appliance according to claim 11, wherein the device for displaying values relating to the content of washing-active substances in the cleaning liquid determined by the sensor includes a component for generating an acoustic signal.